

In regard to Dale Reich K8AD motion to have automatic upgrades from Novice and Advanced with 20 or more years experience as a merit and/or public service upgrade to augment public service abilities. How would this automatic upgrade accomplish any of what has been proposed? I fall into that group, first licensed in 1957. And having my radio privileges reduced in the name of Incentive Licensing. To gain back the privileges I had, I had to retest to Advanced class and again for Extra class. Which I did, as many other Amateur radio operators did. There is no merit in this proposal. If we are all equal in this pursuit of licensing privileges then we should all adhere to the same standards and take the upgrade tests as required. There is no standard if a portion of operators by mere longevity, gain privileges that the rest of us had to test for. If the reason for Incentive licensing was for the advancement of our interests; staying current in FCC rules and advancements in all aspects of communication, then it was effective thru licensing upgrades. Not by longevity. Have those old timers step up take the test and keep the standards as high as they currently are.